

Mayor's Message

June 2009

Summer has come to Murray City! There is something about the warm weather, long days and cool evenings that makes me wish it could go on and on. So many wonderful events take place in our City in these next few months. I wanted to mention a few so as you are making your summer plans, some of these activities could be marked on your calendars.

The Aquatics Center is open and makes a sizzling day cool right down. Bring the family for a swim, or rent the pool in the evening and host a big party for the whole neighborhood. The Park Center also has great pools for days when the weather doesn't cooperate. There is a water feature at Willow Pond Park, for wading and splashing between soccer or baseball games. Of course, when we mention water, what could be more exciting than fighting a catfish on your line at Willow Pond?

Did you know that Murray Parks and Recreation offers more classes and activities than any other organization in the State? If you can dream it, it is probably on the summer schedule. You can even register on line. Our Park staff is very busy keeping the parks in tiptop shape. They work hard to prepare for the City Fun Days over July 4th. Activities beginning with a sunrise service and parade kick the day off, followed by countless events in Murray Park, all capped off with a firework display to dazzle everyone. Because of the great location and size of our Park, large events take place here all summer long. We have hosted the Farmer's Market for many years now and will continue to provide a venue for this fun community event in Murray Park.

Cultural Arts programs also are very active in these warm months. Free lunch concerts take place every Tuesday at noon in Pavilion #5, with free Children's Matinees every Friday in the same place at 2:00. Arts in the Park and Family Night Concerts are available and wonderful ways to enjoy a warm evening.

I am looking forward to hosting the Babe Ruth World Series in our City the end of August. There will be many volunteer opportunities if you would like to help make this event successful. It will be a nice way to showcase our City nationally and give us a chance to enjoy the excitement of youth playing baseball.

Just listing these events makes me ready to get out and enjoy our community. I hope you will be here, too, taking advantage of everything our City has to offer. If finances are tight, I can't think of a better place to enjoy a wide variety of 'staycation' activities. Let's go have some fun!